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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: 32ND UNGA: GUAM

REF: (A) STATE 265894 (B) USUN 4431

1. WE NOW EXPECT VOTING ON GUAM TO TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 9 IN THE MORNING. THERE FOLLOWSIN PARA 5 OUR ESTI-
MATE OF THE VOTE ON THE AUSTRALIAN ET AL AMENDMENT (REFTEL B).
WE ARE ESTIMATING 71 (US) IN FAVOR, 37 OPPOSED WITH
APPROXIMATELY 33 ABSTENTIONS.

2. MAY DELEGATIONS, HOWEVER, HAVE TOLD US THAT THE
VIETNAMESE WILL SEEK TO AMEND THE AUSTRALAIN RESOLUTIONS
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SO AS TO EFFECTIVELY NULLIFY THEM. ALTHOUGH SUCH A MANEUVER
IS NOT IN KEEPING WITH THE RULES OF PROCEDURE, WE ARE BY
NO MEANS CONVINCED OF A FAVORABLE RULING FROM THE CHAIRM.
WE HAVE, THEREFORE, ESTIMATE (PARA 6) THE VOTE ON
VIETNAMESE AMENDMENTS TO THE AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENTS. WE
ESTIMATE 40 YES, 42(US) NO'S AND APPROXAMATELY 59
ABSTENTIONS.

3. AS THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE, WE DO NOT ESTIMATE AN ADEQUATE MARGIN TO DEFEAT VIETNAMESE AMENDMENTS TO THE AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENTS. IF THE VIETNAMESE CIRCULATE AMENDMENTS TO THE AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENTS, AND WE ASCERTAIN IN CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CHAIR THAT AN UNFAVORABLE RULING CANNOT BE EXPECTED, WE PLAN TO SEEK A 24 HOUR DELAY (ON THE BASIS THAT THE DELEGATIONS HAVE NOT HAD TIME TO OBTAIN INSTRUCTIONS ON THE NEW PROPOSAL) IN ORDER TO ALLOW TIME FOR FURTHER LOBBYING.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. IF THE DEPARTMENT CONCURS, WE BELIEVE ADDITIONAL EFFORTS IN THOSE CAPITALS WHICH WE SHOW AS SLIPPING FROM A FAVORABLE VOTE ON THE AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENTS TO AN ABSTENTION ON THE VIETNAMESE AMENDMENTS ARE WARRANTED, WHERE POSTS CONSIDER SUCH EFFORTS WOULD NOT BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

5. VOTE ESTIMATE ON AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENTS: YES: AFGHANISTAN, ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BAHAMAS, BAHRAIN, BANGLADESH, BELGIUM, BHUTAN, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CANADA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, DENMARK, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, FIJI, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, FED. REP., GRENADA, GUATEMALA, GUYANA, HAITI, HONDURAS, ICELAND, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, IVORY COAST, JAMAICA, JAPAN, LIBERIA, LUXEMBOURG, MALDIVES, MALTA, CONFIDENTIAL

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MAURITANIA, MEXICO, MOROCCO, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NICARAGUA, NORWAY, OMAN, PAKISTAN, PAPUA-NEW GUINEA, PARAGUAY, PERU, PHILIPPINES, PORTUGAL, SAMOA, SIERRA LEONE, SINGAPORE, SPAIN, SURINAM, SWEDEN, THAILAND, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED REP. OF CAMEROON, UNITED STATES, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA, AND ZAIRE.

NO: ALBANIA, ANGOLA, BARBADOES, BENIN, BULGARIA, BURUNDI, BYELORUSSIAN S.S.R., CHINA, COMOROS, CONGO, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, GERMAN DEM. REP., GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, HUNGARY, IRAQ, LAOS, LIBYAN ARAB REP., MADAGASCAR, MALI, MONGOLIAN P.R., MOZAMBIQUE, NIGER, POLAND, RWANDA, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPLE, SUDAN, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TOGO, UGANDA, UKRAINIAN S.S.R., USSR., VIET NAM, AND YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC.

ABSTAIN: ALGERIA, BOTSWANA, BURMA, CAPE VERDE, CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE, CHAD, CYPRUS, EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, GABON, GREECE, JORDAN, KENYA, KUWAIT, LEBANON, LESOTHO, MALAWI, MALAYSIA, MALTA, NEPAL, NIGERIA, PANAMA, QATAR, ROMANIA, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, SRI LANKA, SWAZILAND, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, UNITED REP. OF TANZANIA, UPPER VOLTA, YUGOSLAVIA, AND ZAMBIA.

ESTIMATED ABSENCES NOT INCLUDED.

6. VOTE ESTIMATE ON VIETNAMESE AMENDMENTS TO THE AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT: YES: ALBANIA, ALGERIA, ANGOLA, BARBADOS, BENIN, BULGARIA, BURUNDI, BYELORUSSIAN S.S.R., CAPE VERDE, CHINA, COMOROS, CONGO, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, EGYPT, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, ETHIOPIA, GERMAN DEM. REP., GUINEA, GUINEA-BUSSAU, HUNGARY, IRAQ, LAOS, LIBYAN ARA REP., MADAGASCAR, MALI, MONGOLIAN P.R., MOZAMBIQUE, NIGER, POLAND, RWANDA, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPLE, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, UGANDA, UKRAINIAN S.S.R., USSR, VIETNAM, YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC, AND YUGOSLAVIA.
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